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SUBJ: QUEBEC MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE RODRIGUE TREMBLAY

1. BORN OCTOBER 13, 1939 IN MATANE, QUEBEC. MARRIED TO CAROL JEAN HOWARD, BORN APRIL 26, 1943 IN HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, NOW A CANADIAN CITIZEN. TWO SONS, JEAN-PAUL AND ALAIN, AND ONE DAUGHTER, MARTA.

2. B. SCIENCE (ECONOMICS), UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL; M.A. AND PHD (ECONOMICS), 1968, STANFORD UNIVERSITY. WIFE ALSO A STANFORD GRADUATE. BOTH FLUENTLY BI-LINGUAL, FRENCH AND ENGLISH, ALTHOUGH HIS ENGLISH IS SOMEWHAT ACCENTED.

3. AUTHOR OF "L'ECONOMIQUE," NOW IN ITS THIRD EDITION AND REPUTEDLY THE MOST WIDELY-USED ECONOMICS TEXTBOOK IN QUEBEC, AND A POCKET-BOOK, "COMMON MARKET - QUEBEC-USA" IN WHICH HE PLUGGED FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. (IT WAS NOT A VERY POPULAR IDEA).

4. 1970-74 WAS ECONOMIC ADVISER, ASSISTING SEVEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH MONETARY RELATIONS WITH FRANCE; HE THEN SERVED AS ADVISER TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA, THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE BANK OF CANADA, AND THE FEDERAL AND QUEBEC GOVERNMENTS.

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5. MOST RECENTLY, DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT, FELLOW PROFESSORS CLAIM HIS ELECTION WAS "PROFIDENTIAL" AS HE "WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP HIS POST FOR A SECOND TERM. A LARGE NUMBER OF TEACHERS HAVE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT, OFTEN BECAUSE OF PERSONALITY CONFLICTS, AND TREMBLAY ALIENATED THE STUDENTS FROM HIMSELF." "POWER SPOILED HIM" ACCORDING TO ANOTHER EX-COLLEAGUE, "TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT HE ENDED BY CONSIDERING THE DEPARTMENT AS HIMSELF." HE IS REFERRED TO AS AUTOCRATIC, INTRANSIGENT, CHOLERIC, TAKING CRITICISM BADLY AND LITTLE GIVEN TO NUANCES. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HE IS VERY SELF-ASSURED, HE HAS NOT DISPLAYED THOSE QUALITIES IN THE SOCIAL CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD WITH HIM, AND, ON THE CONTRARY, HAS BEEN VERY SMOOTH, INDEED SUAVE, ON SUCH OCCASIONS.) OTHER DESCRIPTIONS INCLUDE "EAGER, HONEST, A PRODIGIOUS WORKER, AND A COMPETENT ECONOMIST WELL RESPECTED BY FELLOW PROFESSIONALS." HE IS, FINALLY, ALSO DESCRIBED AS "FAR FROM BEING AN INTELLECTUAL," WHO CENTERED HIS STUDIES ON "SOLUTIONS OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS." THIS COULD HAVE A REASSURING EFFECT ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

6. HAS BEEN GOOD CONTACT FOR PROGRAMMING AS WELL AS FRIEND OF LAST TWO BPAO'S AND FRIENDLY ACQUAINTANCE OF CG.
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